



HOLMES-WAYNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LOCAL PAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Reliable and affordable power at risk



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PRESIDENT/CEO

It is my role as the President/CEO of your local electric cooperative to represent your best interests, including advocating at both the state and federal levels on major decisions and policies that directly impact your electric bill.

As I write this article in late May, the EPA has just made a critical ruling that will dramatically impact Ohio cooperatives' ability to provide both reliable and affordable electricity for our members.

First, I want to explain that you are not only a member-owner of your distribution cooperative, Holmes-Wayne Electric, but HWEC, in turn, is a member-owner of your generation facility, Buckeye Power.

Twenty-four co-ops across the state own Buckeye Power. Eighty percent of your power is produced at Buckeye Power's Cardinal Power Plant in Brilliant, Ohio. This is a coal-powered generation facility. More than a billion dollars has been invested in this plant over the past two decades to reduce carbon emissions. You, the member, have invested in making this coal plant one of the cleanest in the world.

Buckeye Power also has a balanced approach to renewable energy. Because of their dependency on inconsistent weather factors, wind and solar power are not reliable baseload options to provide electricity to more than 380,000 Ohio cooperative homes and businesses served. When you flip a switch, turn

on your TV, or pre-heat your oven, or start a business production line, you want power immediately, and not just on sunny or moderately windy days.

The new EPA ruling mandates more significant carbon dioxide emissions controls at fossil fuel-fired power plants, starting in 2030. These standards require additional technologies that aren't currently cost-effective or feasible. The expenses associated with this could double generation costs.

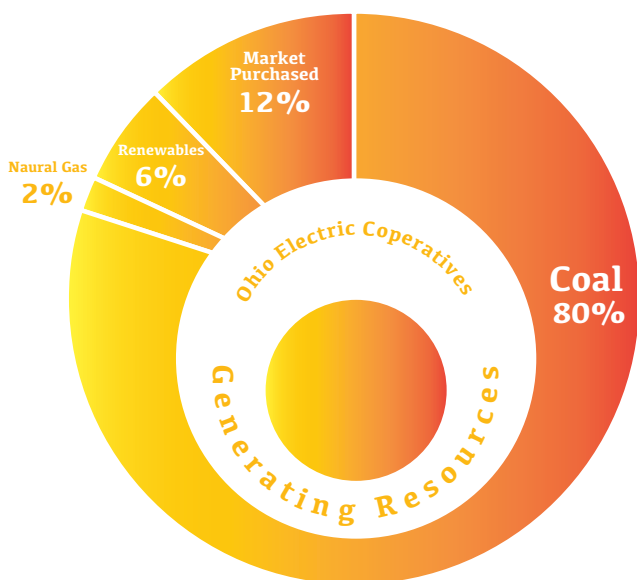
Even more concerning is the dangerous situation in which we currently find ourselves. In Ohio alone, since 2009, the state has gone from 21 coal-fired power plants to four. We have gone from more than 22,000 megawatts of coal-fired power to about 6,400 MW in this time — a decrease of about 16,000 MW. Approximately 7,000 MW of newer gas-fired plants have been added during this time to make up this deficit, but this new ruling impacts both coal- and gas-fired plants.

Warnings from several industry experts, including those from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and Buckeye Power, have been expressed to the federal administration and legislators. With no solid baseload sources, extreme weather conditions, like a summer heat wave, will cause rolling blackouts! Last December, nine states in the U.S. saw rolling blackouts as the demand for electricity exceeded the available supply.

Add to this concern the recent EPA ruling that will require two-thirds of new cars on the road to be all-electric vehicles by 2032. Clearly, an increase in demand and a reduction of generation will lead to long-term supply issues.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association CEO Jim Matheson's response to the new ruling explains it well: "This proposal will further strain America's electric grid and undermine decades of work to reliably keep the lights on across the nation. And it is just the latest instance of EPA failing to prioritize reliable electricity as a fundamental expectation of American consumers.

"We're concerned the proposal could disrupt domestic energy security, force critical always-available power plants into early retirement, and make new natural gas plants exceedingly difficult to permit, site, and build," Matheson said. "We know that you rightfully expect the lights to stay on at a price you can afford. EPA needs to recognize the impact this proposal will have on the future of reliable energy before it's too late."





Promotions, new hires at HWECC

Congratulations to the following staff members for their recent promotions. Their dedication and performance are greatly appreciated as the cooperative continues the business plan of future retirements.



Alec Eldridge

Apprentice lineman



Kurt Detterman

West Salem line supervisor



Stacey Shaw

Operations director



Jim Stake

Right-of-way supervisor



Cole Marley

We are also excited to welcome two new team members: Cole Marley, apprentice lineman, and Zach Snow, warehouse/purchasing agent. These gentlemen display the strong character of community, work ethic, teamwork, and member service excellence that embodies the cooperative family. Welcome to the team!



Zach Snow

POWER STUDENTS



Connor Leary,
son of Cody and Melissa
Leary of Wooster,
6th grade – Triway
Schools



Camrie Wilson,
daughter of Brian and
Megan Wilson of Killbuck,
6th grade –
West Holmes Schools.



Mia Spencer, daughter
of Matt and Valentine
Spencer of Lakeville,
7th grade – West
Holmes Schools

As the 2022-2023 school year concluded, HWEC had our third and final drawing for our power students on May 10. Power students is an opportunity for HWEC to recognize students in grades six through eight for their hard work and dedication to education. Congratulations to our local power students and future community leaders!

**Do you have an outstanding student in your house and live on our lines?
Submit your student for a chance to win \$30 gift card. For more information,
visit our website at hwecoop.com**



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Unable to make the Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting?

Don't worry, you can
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meeting in our
August edition of
this publication.



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Your opportunity to tour the
power plant that generates your
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If you are an HWECC member
who is interested in
participating in this educational
tour, please contact Shay at
866-674-1055.

Participants must be at least 12
years old. Please note there is a
considerable amount of
walking, including stair
climbing!



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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



The Holmes-Wayne
office will be closed
on Tuesday, July 4.



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